

# Normandy Twining Zoning Amendment: Please Adopt Carlone's alternative concept

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City Clerk Agenda

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Regarding the Normandy Twining Zoning Amendment:

I urge you to stop moving forward with the current Normandy proposal. My understanding is that this would add some 232 units of new housing to Central Square, but that 80% of those units would be luxury/market-rate. This sort of planning is bad for Cambridge. My wife and I did not move here and raise a family here so that we could live in a community dominated by the wealthy. Our quality of life depends on diversity and on city programs and planning rooted in democratic processes. The current proposal fails to reflect those values.

I urge you instead to support the alternative concept based on the principals of the C2 study and proposed by Councillor Carlone. It would provide more housing units, and it would target a 50/50 split between luxury units and units that are affordable to individuals and families of low-, moderate-, and middle-incomes. Carlone's proposal would accomplish these goals by incorporating an additional benefit: the establishment of a public/private partnership to move parking facilities underground.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Truly,  
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